

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 15, 2003

IN RE:)	
)	DOCKET NO.
NOTICE OF US LEC CORP OF A "BONA FIDE)	00-00026
REQUEST" FOR AN INTERCONNECTION)	
AGREEMENT WITH THE TDS LOCAL)	
EXCHANGE CARRIERS PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C.)	
SECTION 251)	

ORDER ACCEPTING WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST

This matter is before the Hearing Officer on the *Notice of Withdrawal of Interconnection Request* ("Notice") filed by US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. ("US LEC") with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on October 13, 2003.

On January 14, 2000, US LEC filed with the TRA a bona fide request for interconnection with four local exchange carriers¹ owned by TDS Telecom. On January 21, 2000, TDS Telecom filed a motion to suspend US LEC's request for interconnection. Despite substantial efforts on this matter since that time, no progress has been made in this Docket towards interconnection between these companies.

On June 24, 2003, the Parties submitted for the approval of the TRA an Interconnection Agreement between US LEC and the TDS Telecom companies in TRA Docket No. 03-00415. On September 29, 2003, the TRA approved this Interconnection Agreement, as modified by an Amendment filed with the TRA on August 18, 2003.

¹ Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc., Tennessee Telephone Company, Humphreys County Telephone Company, and Tellico Telephone Company, Inc.

Pursuant to approval of the Interconnection Agreement filed in Docket No. 03-00415, US LEC submits this *Notice* to withdraw its outstanding request for interconnection with the TDS Telecom companies in Docket No. 00-00026. For good cause shown, the Hearing Officer accepts the voluntary withdrawal of US LEC's bona fide request for interconnection in this Docket.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. By acceptance of US LEC's voluntary withdrawal of its bona fide request for interconnection with the TDS Telecom companies in Docket No. 00-00026, all proceedings in this Docket are hereby concluded.
2. This Docket shall be closed fifteen days after entry of this Order.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kim Beals", written over a horizontal line.

Kim Beals, Counsel
as Hearing Officer